and brother "Zach" is generally present and is a host within himself.

I expect to devote most of the winter to this field of labor and hope that before next spring, Illinois may come to the front and that Lanark may become the nucleus of a large and enthusiastic brotherhood that shall extend to every point of the compass.

As the labors of the season draw to a close I hope to see a great improvement in the EVANGELIST in the way of original essays. I think it is due the cause and the paper. It is a thousand times better than to howl about its defects. The way to remedy anything is to remedy it. I propose that we make a change; that we fill one side of the EVANGELIST with our choicest studied thoughts upon religion and its relation to character, business, and social life; how to promote its growth, demonstrate its power, and keep it pure, and kindred thoughts, and fill the other side with reports of meetings, editorials and editorial notes, comments, &c., and make the necessity for extracts a rare thing. This can be done and should be done right away. The paper is small and so let us make up in quality what we lack in quantity.

J. H. WORST.

Jones Mills, Pa.

On October 17th, wife and I, with our little family started for Johnstown, Pa., our former home, leaving our home church in the care of brother Harmon. From here we went to East Conemaugh and called at the home of our dear brother and Sister Ramsey. Sister Ramsey we found quite ill. From East Conemaugh we returned to Johnstown.

On Thursday, I started for Blair County and landed at McKees, within the bounds of Bro. Spanogle's charge. In the evening I met Elder Spanogle and many brethren and sisters and friends in their very comfortable little meeting house, where we trust we had a profitable waiting upon the Lord. Meeting again on Friday evening.

On Saturday, through the kindness of Bro. John G. Snider, pastor of the church at New Enterprise, I was taken to their love feast. Remained with them over Sunday; had very pleasant meetings indeed. On Monday the 24th, resumed our labors at McKees, and had meeting each night during the week with a love feast on Friday night. We closed our meetings on Sunday evening, Oct. 30. Here too, we had glorious meetings at this place. Several united with the church. On Sunday, Nov. 5, preached at East Conemaugh morning and evening. On Wednesday bade our children goodby and started for home.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

Dunlaps, Ind.

The past three weeks has been a glorious time for the brethren at Dunlaps, and believers came out into the ocean of God's love. For the last three weeks captain Ditch has been firing the gospel gun at long range, assisted by Lieutenant Plinny Irvin, and we now feel built up in our most holy faith. May God bless us and keep us faithful to the end.

Our love feast which came of on the 11th, was a success in every way. The weather was fine, the audience large, good order and good attention, and the house well filled with attentive listeners.

Today brother Ditch leaves for Michigan for other fields of labor, while brother C. A. Price, of Michigan, stays with us over Sunday in order to wield the sword of the spirit a little longer. Brother Price is an old soldier of the cross and wields the sword of the spirit with great power.

In conclusion I would say to my dear friends in the far West, in Kansas and Iowa, be faithful a few days longer; for

It will not be long before the throng,
Will all together be;
And you that know the Lord below
Will then your Saviour see.

N. A. FRAME.

Elkhart, Ind.

Williamsport, D. T.

Nov. 6th. Sunday, we were made to feel glad and sorry at the same time, when Bro. Worst preached for us a Paul-like sermon, which was food for the soul; but when he announced that he would preach no more for us before next summer, being ready to leave for the East, it made us feel sad,—and still more so now as many more are going East for the winter, making our number of Christian workers small. I hope Bro. Worst may do much good in the east for himself and others. Bro. Roop talks of going east on a visit.

Those who have known Miss Ida Roop, may have heard of her being captured by a "Savage," Sister J. N. Roop had a fear of the Savage tribe when she came west, and, *behold*, some time ago, we had to see her daughter captured by one, and we did not dare to interfere. All we can do is to hope she may be well treated.

Weather, very fine and warm, but winter may soon set in, when all good reading matter will be appreciated in this country. We have not church facilities like there is in the east, so it does us good to read the good news in church work east and south.

JOHN KURTZ.

Maurertown, Va.

A church charge in the ranks of a certain denomination in the person of a respectable and worthy old gentleman, came to our love feast as the tables were filling up. He expressed a desire to commemorate the death of Christ, seeing that the preparations were similar to those with which he was accustomed to. A short time after the meeting the party who had charge of the old brother, went to draw his monthly allowance, but was meekly informed that the payments would be suspended until a confession was made,—I suppose for the wicked act he did of defiling himself. "When will the mists rollaway?"

There are about 225 preachers in the Brethren church. Now suppose every one would go out and hold meetings through December and up to March, and say an average of 10 enlistments for each minister, would gather 2250, and yet this would be but little for each. How easy it could be done. Try it, preachers. Go out, not for reputation, but for the salvation of souls. Do not just fill appointments, but let each sermon be a special effort. Let us have a boom for souls. "Arise, let us go hence."

E. B. SHAVER.

Nov. 15, '87.

Almena, Michigan.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—The little church of the Brethren at Almena is still alive. We have been having some glorious meetings by J. M. Rittgers, of South Bend, Ind. We held fourth the truth with power. The church was built up and encouraged and sinners were made to weep. We held our communion on Dec. 3rd, which was surely a feast to the soul. No immediate results but several promised to come in the near future; hope the Lord may spare them. We rejoice in securing the services of J. M. Rittgers to preach for us for the next year. Our elder is our well beloved brother Walter Clark, of Cass Co., Mich. Let us pray much brethren that the good work may go on.

ADAM DEHAVEN.

Mulberry, Ind.

The good work is moving along as usual in these parts. One of the first young men in the community was added to the Mt. Pleasant church and three more were added at the Spring Mills charge since my last communication. All by baptism.

The brethren are waking up to a sense of their duty in regard to the salvation of souls. Some are working like beavers, while, I am sorry to say, there are others that are as yet negligent and doing comparatively nothing for their Master, who did and is doing so much for them. Come brethren wake up. Jesus says, "go work today in my vineyard." And let us see that you do it.

E. L. HILDEBRAND.

Aleppo, Pa.

I will try to give a few items of news. After Bro. Brown left us we continued our meetings several days and then closed with good interest. Bro. Wise's health failed. In all we had one of the best meetings I ever attended. Eight made the good confession, seven were baptized. Many others were almost persuaded. Others would have come but were hindered by their friends who belonged to other denominations.

Bro. Brown come again!

We have services every Sunday evening and every two weeks on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Brethren pray for us that we may keep the Gospel wheel rolling. We are expecting Bro. Hilderbrand, of Jones Mills, to assist us in a meeting sometime during the winter. Bro. Wise has been in Washington Co., assisting Bro. DeBolt. Three were baptized there.

May we all work with more energy and may many sinners be brought into the fold during this winter's campaign, is my prayer.

J. M. MURRAY.

In Memoriam.

MARY ANN KEIM was born April 12, 1855. On August 31, 1873, she was married to Jonas M. Keim, of Louisville, Ohio. Brother Keim was left with one boy about two years old when his first companion died. Sister Mary undertook the care and control of the little household, and love swayed the sceptre of happiness over the home.

On Sunday evening, November 13th, 1887, her spirit calmly and serenely took its flight into the presence of her God, in whom she so earnestly trusted. She had suffered much and long, but was full of faith and hope, and bore all uncomplaining. The brief inscription, "At rest," on the lid of the casket was the true condition of her soul.

She was only known to be loved. Her hope and faith in Christ and his promises were bright and steadfast in a superlative degree. She needs no eulogy from mortal lips. Her life, words and actions shine out brightly, and are indelibly impressed upon the memory of those with whom she came in contact. We do not believe that such a life with such a record should go by unnoticed and unmentioned.

She was not only true to her home and family, but was an earnest, constant and devoted worker in the church. Religion with her was not a mere sentiment, but a heart work. She was for years a teacher in the Sabbath school. The large class of bright children that met her each Sabbath were strongly attached to their teacher. Many attempts were made to divide the class, but the children would not consent to leave her. The heavily draped chair which was placed at the head of the casket on the funeral day, with silent eloquence spoke volumes for the respect of her scholars and coworkers.

Within the last few months of her life she had set her heart on raising a certain sum for the Ohio Home Mission Fund, in addition to the much she had already done. When she became too sick to go around any more, and the amount was still a far way from being raised, with her characteristic liberality she gave what was lacking. She was a substantial friend of Ashland College. Although she had already given liberally, and had induced her husband to give a handsome donation, only a short time ago she sent $50 more, so anxious was she to see the institution clear of debt.

A few weeks before her death, I was called to Louisville, to hold a protracted meeting. She had set her heart on enjoying these meetings. But God ordained otherwise. She requested to be anointed in the name of the Lord, according to the admonition of the apostle James. This was done on Tuesday October 18th, immediately after which she took her seat at the Lord's table, and partook of the communion. The effort to do this was a great task on her strength, but she relied on the Lord and he strengthened her. The next day she was obliged to remain in her bed, which she never left during life.

On the day following she requested a private conversation with me. She called for the Bible and Hymn book, and we selected the hymns, scripture lesson and text to be used at her funeral. I asked her if these conversations about her death and funeral did not make her feel sad. "Oh no," was the calm reply, "why should I feel sad when I am going home to Jesus." Then seeing my tears she said, "Why do you weep? You would not have me remain here to suffer." Oh, what a sermon this humble and earnest follower of Christ preached by her childlike trust in her Savior.

Her sufferings toward the last were great, and all that love could do did not seem to alleviate them. During the silent watches of her last night on earth, she spent in earnest prayer and communion with God. A friend coming in to see her a few hours before she passed away, asked her, "Are you still resting in Jesus?" She replied, "Yes, if it were not for him I would get discouraged." Thus ended a life, 13 years of which was spent in activity in the Lord's service. The immense congregation present at the funeral, the tears shed throughout the whole service, tells of the respect and love of those who knew her.

The funeral was preached in the Brethren church at Louisville, by the undersigned, from the words, "And there was no more sea," Rev. 21:1. The casket was lowered into the grave, amid the sobs of the heartbroken relatives, and the strains of "Shall we meet beyond the river?"

Yes, brother Jonas, hold on to the promises, you will meet your beloved wife on yonder happy shore. And you brother Charlie, look up, the Lord's promises are yea and amen to all that believe. We shall all meet on that evergreen shore, if we trust and lean on the everlasting arms of God.

EDWARD MASON.

Ashland, Ohio.

Our Church.

Bro. McFaden makes some solid hits in his article this week.

Every body should read Bro. Coler's article, and be ready to do his part.

Elder Nicholson is to hold a series of meetings in Brown Co., Kansas soon.

Next Monday evening, Nov. 28th, there will be a communion at the College.

Bro. J. W. Fitzgerald has been engaged in a successful meeting at Bunker Hill, Ind.

Bro. J. B. Yoder has changed his post office address from Canaan, Ohio to Creston.

Bro. E. B. Shaver sees the possibility of a great increase to the membership of the church. Indeed much more can be done than is being done.

Bro. Swihart, in a letter dated the 17th, from Dallas Centre, Iowa, says he is holding a few meetings there. One came out and more expected.

Bro. B. K. Binkley writes that there will be good news to report from the Brighton congregation Ind. Bro. Binkley is working very earnestly in the Master's cause. A meeting will be held at Brighton early in the New Year.

"The unpardonable sin,' "Christian slavedom," and the "Keyes of the kingdom of heaven," are the announced subjects for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the College Chapel.

Bro. Mason has been preaching very faithfully at the College the past week. He is a very earnest worker, and this is the reason he is meeting with success in the fields where he has been at work as a pastor

Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt expects to hold a series of meetings in Falls City church, Richardson Co., Neb., before he engages in his new field of labor at Carleton, Neb. The meetings will begin about the tenth of December.

There will be Communion services in the Bear Creek church, six miles west of Dayton, Ohio, on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 24th, and a hearty invitation is extended to all the brethren of adjoining congregations, or elsewhere.

P. J. BROWN.

Family Worship.

The importance, and even absolute necessity of family worship is wisely urged by all faithful preachers; but its importance is learned by the family only from the spirit and manner in which it is conducted. If it is cold and formal, or rushed through as a thing that is desired to get speedily out of the way, it leaves not the impression of its great importance. God taught the Israelites to tell it to their children how he delivered them from their bondage. Family worship ought to convey with it the impression that God should be sought first and last in all we do, and that nothing could be said or done that has not a religious bearing.—Mt. Joy Herald.

If a man is faithful to truth, truth will be faithful to him. He need have no fears. His success is a question of time.

As a rule, the people who give the most to the treasury of the Lord are they who are personally busy in the work for him.